

January 13

Hebrews 10:38, 39

“Soul-saving Belief”



³⁸ Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. ³⁹ But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

What does it mean to “**draw back unto perdition**”? In context to the rest of the passage, it means to go backward to the wrong understanding concerning eternal damnation vs. eternal salvation by faith.

Once a person fully comprehends that there is absolutely NOTHING an individual can do (works) to earn eternal salvation (as Jesus said, it’s impossible with men) one realizes that it is only by faith that one is saved.

Unfortunately, some people may semi-understand that, but still waiver when they hear a strong message about hell. They “draw back” or mentally move in **opposition** to the faith message. They revert to their old ways of any number of works-based beliefs such as mandatory church attendance, expected



or even demanded tithing, long sleeves, long or short hair lengths (depending on one's gender), and specific dietary rules as payment for or as points toward salvation.

What each of us has to ask ourselves and be certain of, is whether or not we draw back unto perdition (regressive, repressive, and futile ways of understanding salvation). Do we,

on the other hand, believe in Christ
to the saving of our souls?

Genuine, heart-felt, committed belief
in God, which is also known as “faith
in God”, is soul-saving.